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Oracle of Ages

Hyrule's legendary sword slayer sharpens up for another epic quest

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King of the halfpipe pedals onto the GBC



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The Legend of Zelda

Oracle of Ages

Nothing can stop Link taking over your GB Color this autumn and just for you, we've slashed apart his second epic quest.

Game Info

By: **Nintendo**

Type: **RPG Adventure**

Release: **5 October**

Take two

Oracle of Seasons may have turned you into a dribbling loon, but just wait for Oracle of Ages. It'll feel as if Christmas has come twice in one year!

The second installment in Link's new series sees our hero turning his back on the land of Holodrum and heading out into Labrynna.

An evil force has swept the kingdom after the Oracle of Ages was seized by the Sorceress of Shadows, Veran.

By meddling with time, the evil Veran plans to use the Oracle's power to change Labrynna and guess what, only you can stop her.



▲ Nayru, the Oracle of Ages, has a beautiful singing voice and a pretty funky hair do. Link looks suitably impressed. Move over Hear'Say!
◀ The mysterious power of the Triforce has summoned little Link to the land of Labrynna. Expect some brain teasers along the way!



Time of change

No Zelda game would be the same without the Triforce in action, and this new Oracle game sees it back in the fray.

Thanks to the Triforce's powers, Link is called to Labrynna where he meets Impa, Princess Zelda's nurse. Something isn't quite right though. Suddenly Veran bursts from her body and into Nayru, the Oracle of Ages.

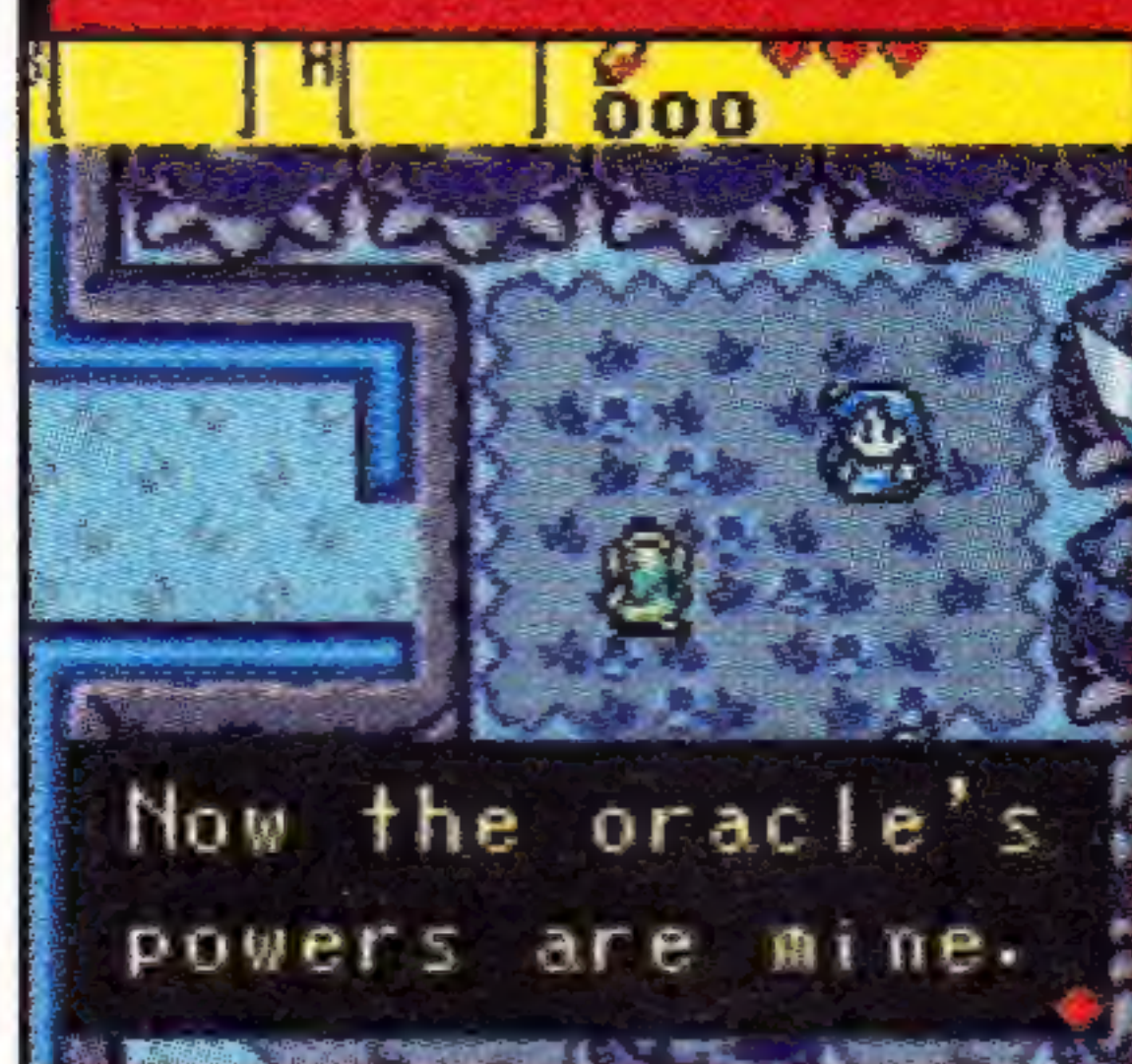
With Veran now able to travel through time, you are the only hero who can stop her.



▲ Impa, Princess Zelda's nurse may seem innocent at first, but something isn't quite right.



▲ Veran, the Sorceress of Shadows, has temporarily taken over Impa's body and unleashed her evil powers on the world.



▲ Nayru's powers have all been lost causing time to shift dramatically.



The hallowed harp

Unlike the Oracle of Seasons which we previewed last month, there is no Rod of Seasons you can use to change time.

Instead, Link can utilise the mysterious powers of the Harp of Ages which can play three different pieces of haunting music.

The fabulous Tune of Echoes provides power to Time Holes, Link's only means of travelling between the past and the present.

The wondrous Tune of Currents has the power to transport you from the past to the present, while the magical Tune of Ages moves you forwards or backwards through time.



▲ Deep in a dungeon lies the Harp of Ages, the only means to stop Veran.



▲ Play the Harp and Link can open portals used to move through time.

In your backpack

To boost your adventuring skills there are hordes of amazing items to find along the different routes that will be essential if you are to successfully guide Link through his latest quest.

One of the best are the strange Gasha Seeds. Grow them in patches of soft earth and when a nut appears knock it down and open it. We won't tell you what's inside, but each one holds a secret to help Link.



Seeds

There are five types of Mystical Seeds. For example, some create fire while others help you run faster.



Bracelet

Look under rocks and pots to find ace items such as hearts, rupees and seeds. Moving them can open up new routes.



Shovel

This helps you dig the earth to find extra items, just like the Power Bracelet. You can also clear away snow with it.



Bombs

If you spot a crack in a wall or face an army of enemies, these are what you need. Stay clear when it detonates!

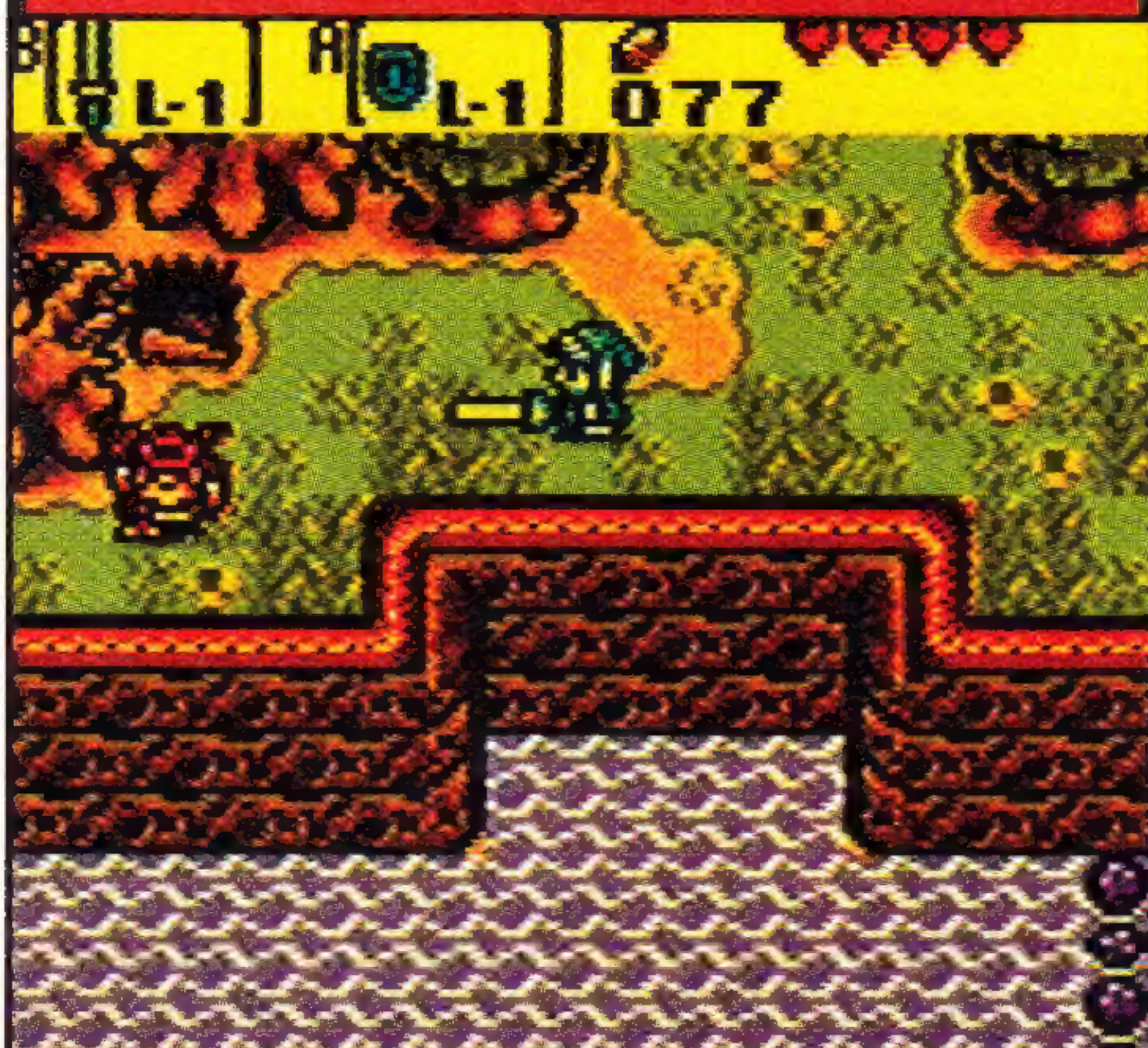
Slice the lice

No self respecting hero would be the finished article without a sword for killing and as you'd expect, Link is a dab hand in the thick of battle.

Using his trusty sword, Link has the capacity to cut a swath through the hordes of wild and violent mutants who roam the lands of Labrynnna.

By holding down your attack button, Link can charge up his sword. As soon as it starts to flash, Link can let rip with a devastating spin attack.

For extra defence, you can assign a sword to Link's other hand to block any attacks that come his way.

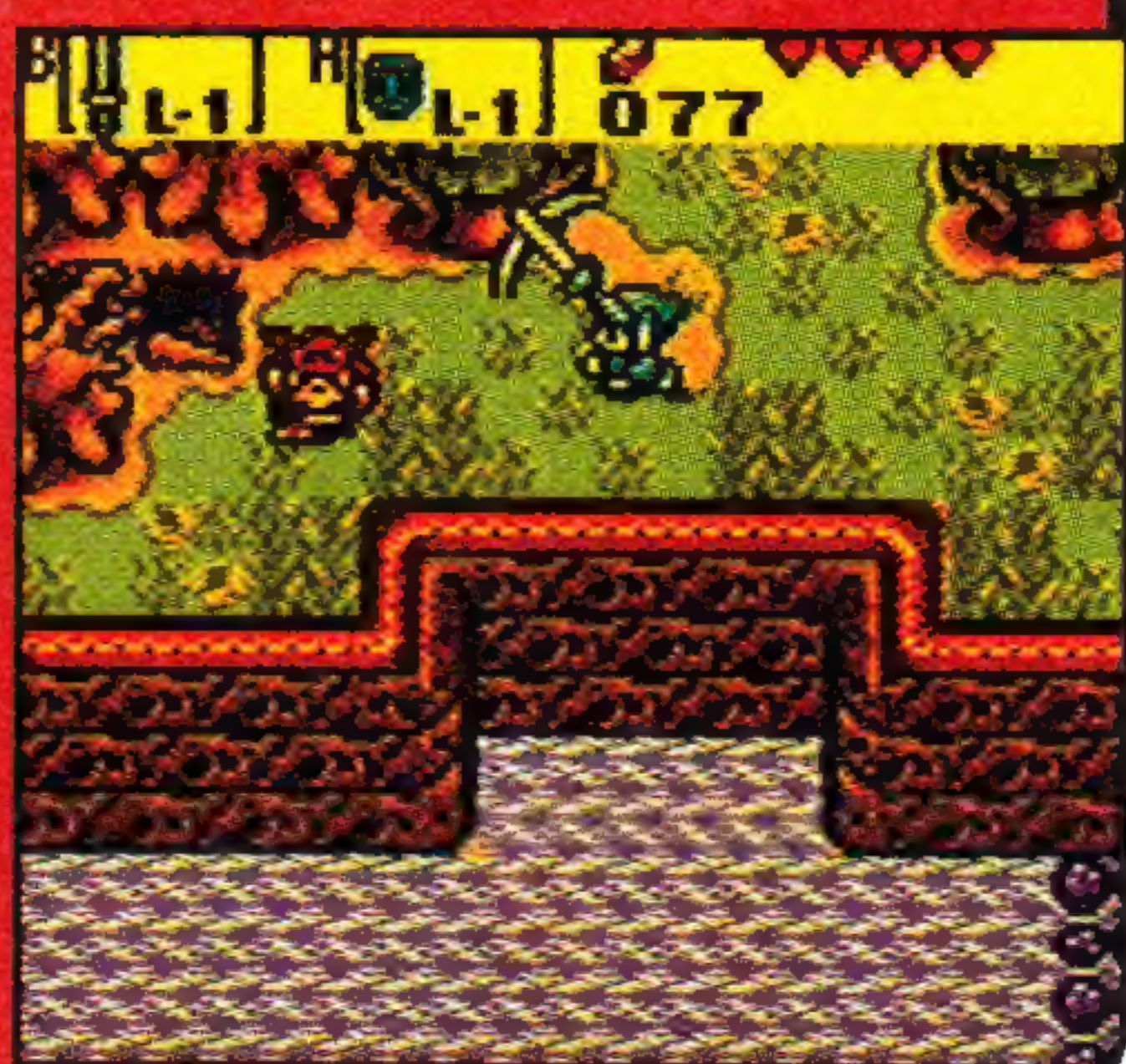


▲ Place the sword in your hands and you can attack whenever foes get anywhere near you.



▲ By holding down your chosen attack button, Link's sword will start to glow. Attack!

► When the beast steps closer, let go and Link will perform a super spin attack.



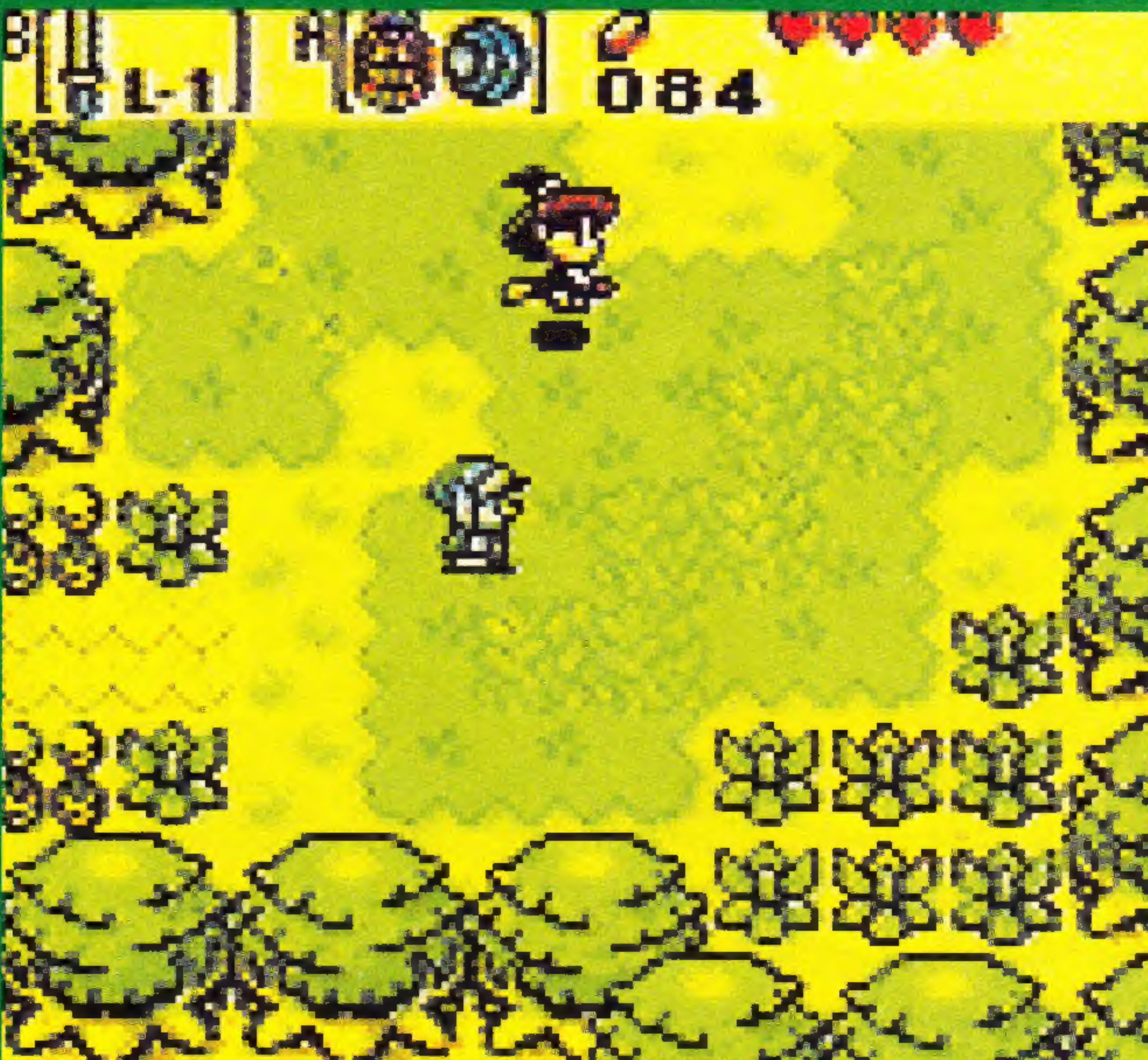
The wicked witch

As you scour the fields and mountains of Labrynnna you'll meet many faces along the way, but watch out for one in particular.

When the music changes and a shadow moves above Link's head, you'd better be on your guard 'cos Maple the Witch is coming to get you.

This jumped up little madam loves to steal your goodies and if she slams into you the fight is on to recover any items that you drop.

Maple is lightning quick on her broomstick, so you'll need to be super sharp to scoop up the items, including the occasional valuable prize.



▲ As if from nowhere, Maple the Witch sometimes appears to cause you major trouble.



▲ When she swoops in low, Maple will slam into you scattering rupees and hearts everywhere. Damn that witch!

▲ The young madam didn't like that! Better get a move on and snatch up as many items as you can.

More than a rehash

Fans of Link's Awakening DX will be happy to hear that the two new Zelda titles are completely brand new games in their own right.

Instead of having the additions of colour and an extra dungeon like the last GBC title, they offer two giant challenges that will take you weeks to complete.

Find the secrets in one quest and you'll also be able to transport them to your other adventure via a Link Cable.



▲ Unlike Link's Awakening DX, the Oracle series isn't just a rehash of an old game.



▲ They are two brand new quests crammed with riddles to solve and gorgeous locations.

We Think...

As the old saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The two Oracle titles may contain new worlds, enemies and a fab link up system, but the gameplay remains true. Prepare to be mesmerised.

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Game Boy Reviews

✓ We promise every game has been tested by our expert players. They tell you what they really think and won't score a game high they wouldn't want to play themselves...

How they score

- 0-44** Real rubbish
- 45-64** Still not worth playing
- 65-79** Nothing too special
- 80-89** Pretty good, but not exactly great
- 90-100** Amazing game you must play!

Awesome

Our Awesome award is only given to games we love and think you really must play. It's only ever given to games that score over 90%.



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Mat Hoffman's Pro BMX



Game Info

By: **Activision**
Price: **£24.99**
Release: **Out Now**

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Instead of risking your neck on lethal ramps and obstacles, stick this cart into your GBC and enjoy some hardcore action without the grazed knees...

Meet the boys

Anthing that Tony Hawk can do on four wheels, these guys can do on two. So gear up and get biking.

Choose from eight of the world's best BMX stars and head out to the arena to perform some death defying tricks.

Each rider has weak and strong points and individual special moves. Learning them all will take some time.

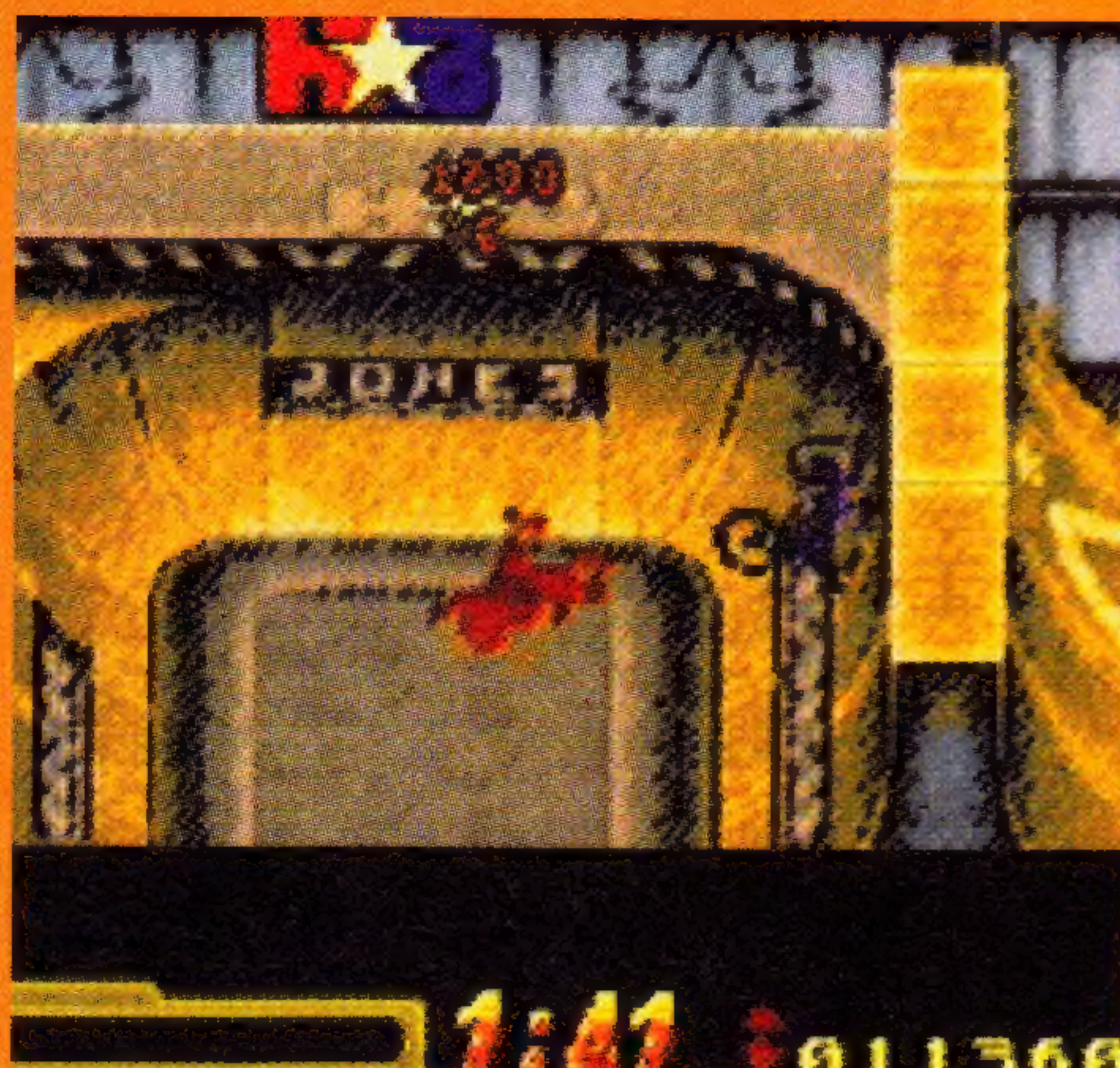
Guide your rider through training, time trials, a career, or just take a ride and see what you can do.



▲ The man himself. Not the prettiest face in the world. It's a good job he can BMX!



▲ Before you begin the assault on the career, it's good to get some training in.



▲ You don't want to end up like this. Back to the start you go.

LOOKS ➔ Some quality graphics and fluid moves mean that Mat Hoffman is a real thrill ride in the looks department.

It's all in the wrists

There is a wide variety of moves that the riders can perform. Learning them will help you win.

It's not enough to do a few tricks and look pleased with yourself. You'll have to link tricks to get the really big scores.

But that's not as hard as it sounds because the arenas are littered with ramps, funboxes and grind rails.

Flare into a Feeble Grind, then into a Backflip with X Up. They're all there for the taking if you've got the guts to pull them off.



▲ The stall gives you time to compose your thoughts... before you let rip with a Double Flare!



▲ While some of the tricks don't look that impressive, they must be learnt to complete the tasks.

Career path

The Career mode makes up the main part of the game. It covers four different arenas, from street to dirt.

In each arena you must complete a list of tasks to collect covers and win medals. These allow you to progress through the game.

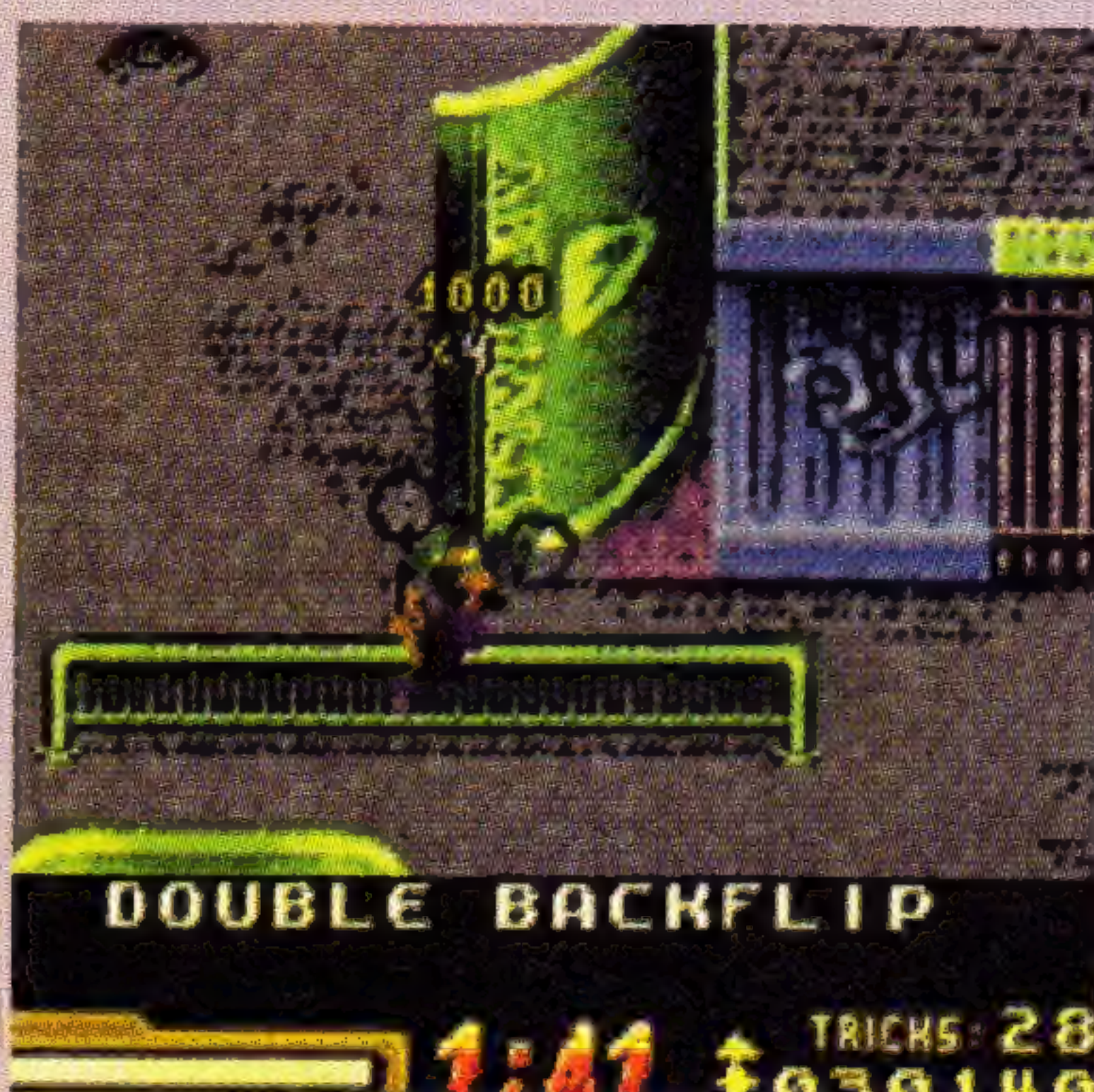
On the early levels, the tricks are simple but as you progress, you'll be challenged. Scoring 90,000 points in a minute and a half isn't easy!

Completing all the tasks will test your skill and dexterity without testing your patience. This is a really excellent GBC title.



▲ Now you've got the hang of it, looks like you really 'Can Can' be a BMX hero!

► OK, stop showing off. We know you're a top rider, there's no need to rub our noses in it.



SOUNDS ➔ Fast paced rocking music screams out in the background. The lack of sound effects doesn't affect the game.

GAME SCORE

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A really great sports title. The level of playability is astounding and you are constantly challenged without ever being frustrated. Changes the meaning of 'on yer bike'!

SCORE 92%

Megaman Xtreme

By Capcom Price £24.99 Game Link X
Infra Red X Game Boy ✓ Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about In the year 21XX, humans live happily side by side with 'replids', machines that think like we do. But a saboteur has hacked into the computer at Hunter Base, turning the replids to evil deeds. Only Megaman X can save the world now.

We think This is an excellent title that looks equally good on Game Boy or Game Boy Color. It's standard platform stuff, but the difficulty level means that it'll prove a real challenge for those prepared to give it a go. Proof that platforming has a healthy future!



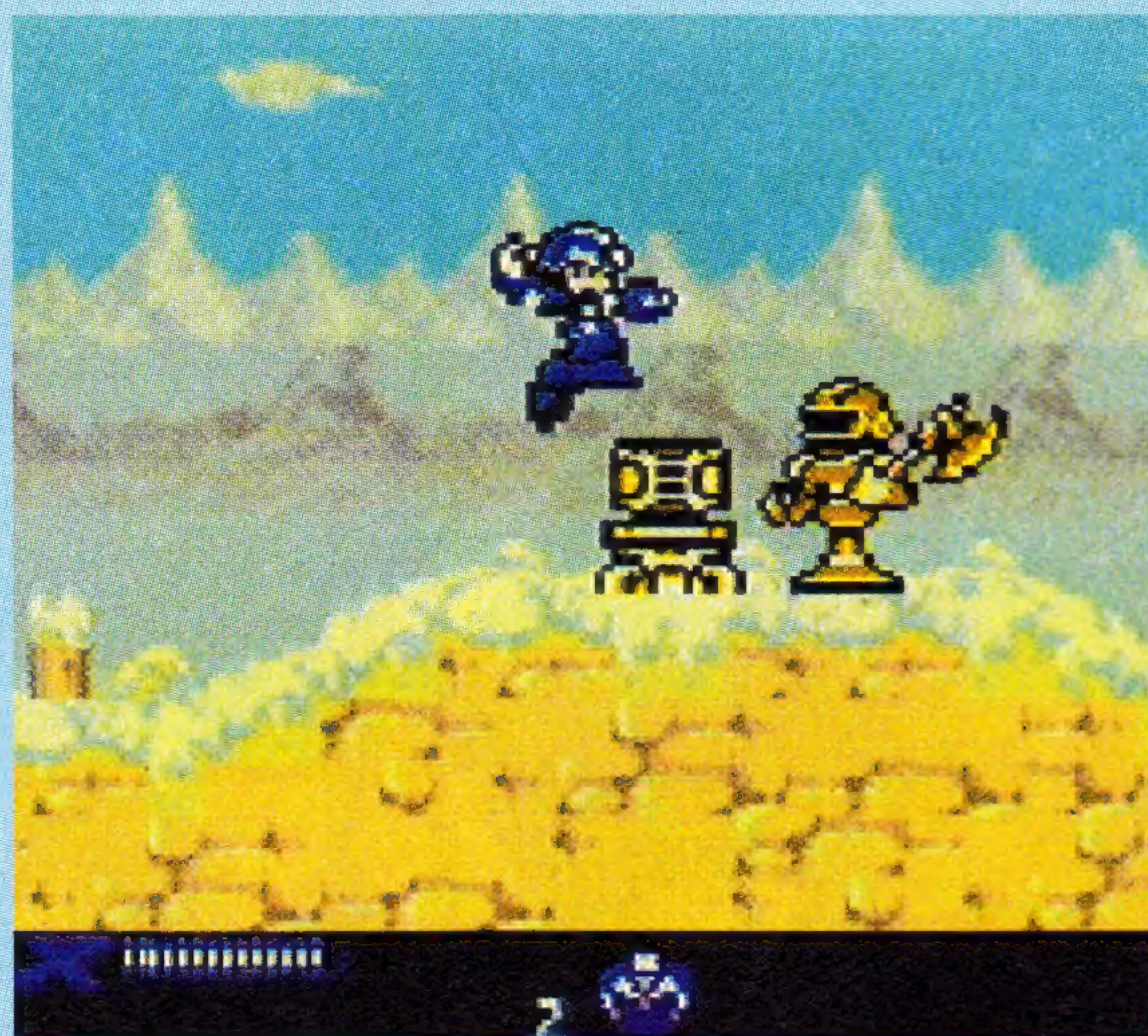
▲ The little green guy helped bring Megaman back to life, it's only polite to shake his hand. Cheers!



▲ The big guys don't just come at the end of the levels. This beast appears right at the start. Talk about in at the deep end!



▲ This huge terminator style robot will do you some serious damage given half a chance, best get rid of him quick. Attaaaack!



▲ The axeman cometh. If the huge axe wielding metal maniac on the right doesn't get you, then the left one will. Avoid at all costs.



▲ These pods enable you to get upgraded parts for your suit. This one gives Megaman stronger legs. Wow, look at him go!



▲ Chill Penguin. Big, fat and cold. Enough to make anyone a bit aggro. His Frozen Penguin attack will leave you very cold indeed.

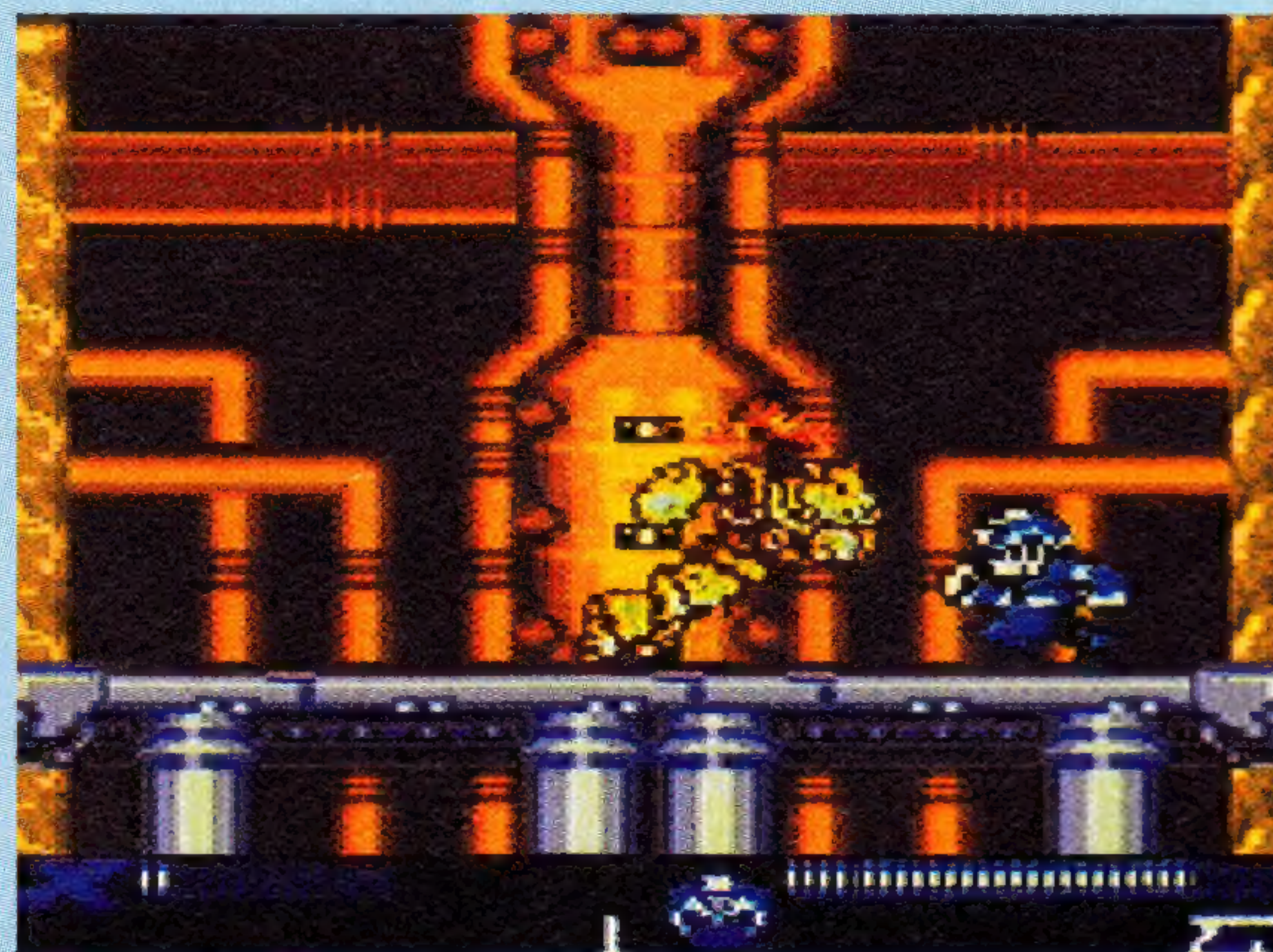


▲ Escape the fire, dodge the electric current and scale the walls to freedom. Phew, Megaman's life is pretty tough.

▼ Zain's sword is possibly bigger than Megaman. Act fast with your laser beam or you'll be sliced clean in half.



▲ Large, green, flying chipmunks that fire spikes out of their tails. Who said videogames were weird? Not us!



▲ This hot headed boss monster goes by the name of Flame Stag. He'll leap off the walls and charge at you in his attempts to destroy you.

GAME SCORE

87%

Tootuff

By Infogrames Price £24.99 Game Link X
Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Tootuff and his mates got into a fight and ripped apart some of their favourite posters. The pieces lie scattered in the playground, park and living room. Complete the games of skill to claim back the poster pieces.

We think This is much more fun when there's more than one player. The games are all based on skill, dexterity and memory and some pose quite a test. Grab your mates and roll those dice to find out who gets the poster.



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▲ Don't worry, this big guy doesn't try and attack you. You've just got to get the ball over his head and score.



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▲ One of your mates is throwing all of your toys out of the window, as well as dirty nappies! We're sure you can guess which you should try and dodge!

◀ Ride your skateboard like a madman, hitting the cans as you go but being careful to avoid what are some pretty tricky obstacles.



007 34



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▲ Find the matching friends in the cubicles to win this strange game.

▶ The living room. One of the 'boards' where the hunt takes place.



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▲ Douse the caretaker's bike in wee before he catches you. Er, don't try this at home kids!



GAME SCORE 83%

Trick Boarder

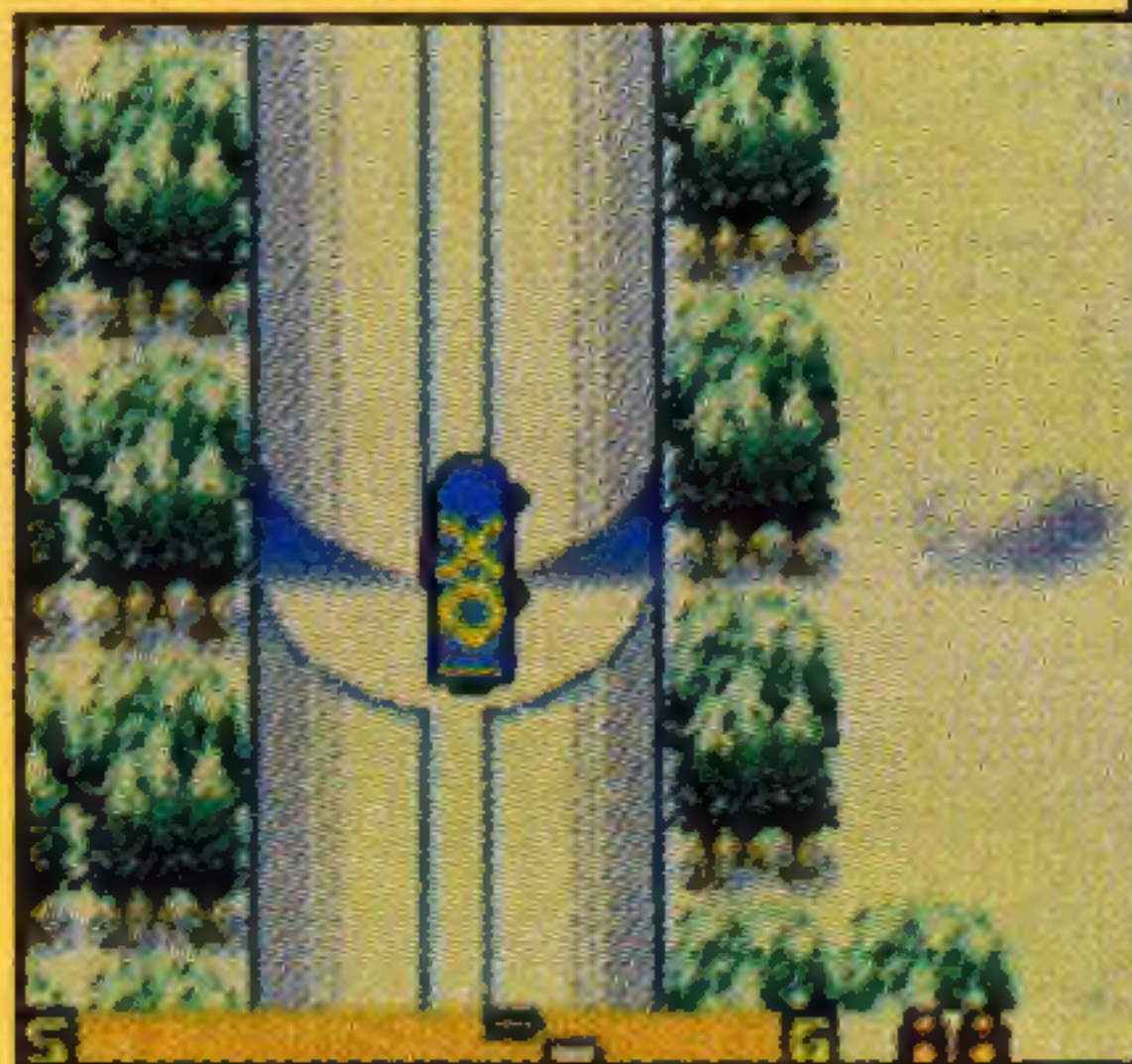
By Ubi Soft Price £24.99 Game Link X
Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Time to take to the slopes with your trusty plank strapped to your feet. Cruise down nine courses racking up points and thrashing opponents.

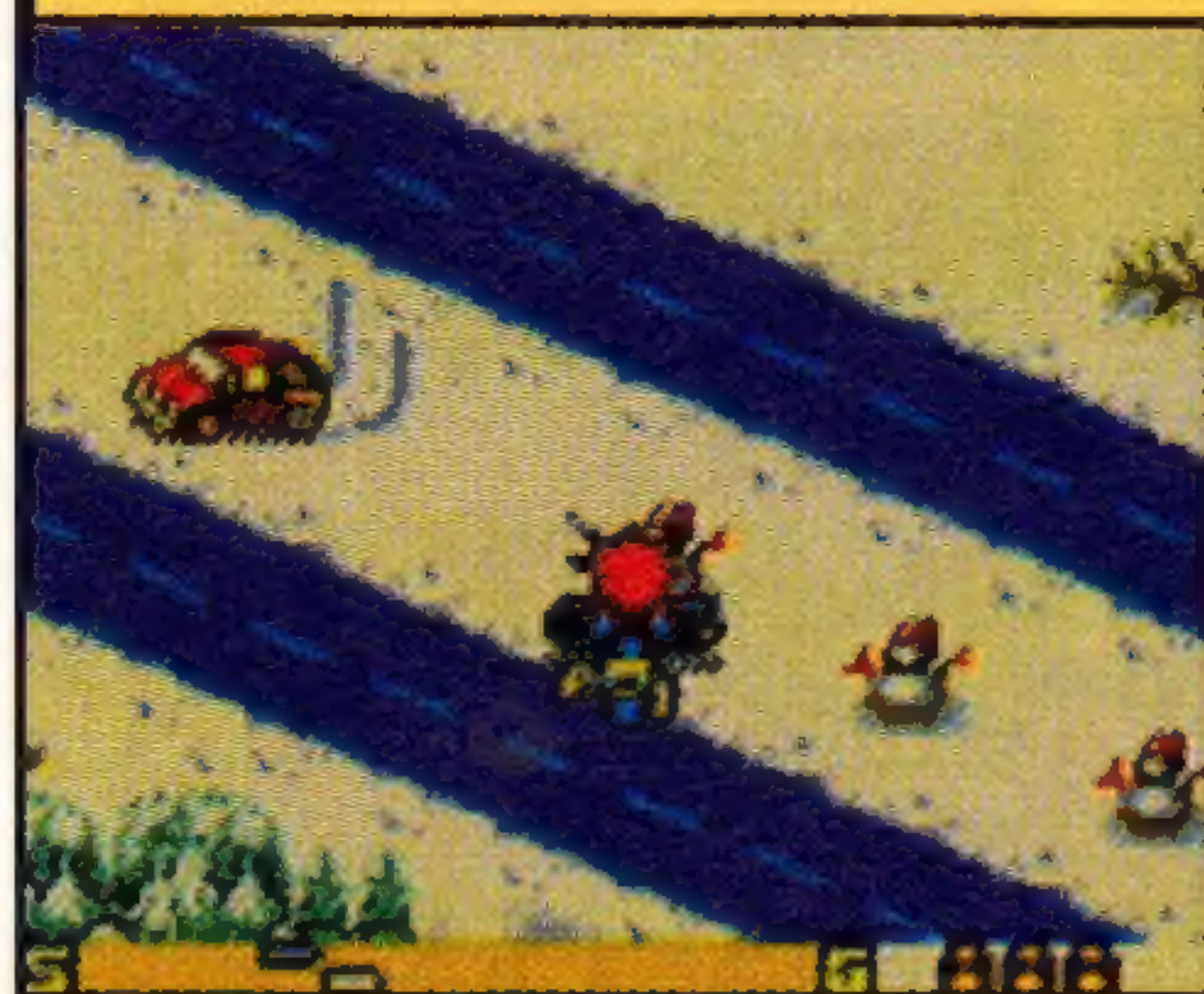
We think Poor controls and boring graphics do not a good game make. With titles like this being released, the end of GBC will come sooner than expected.



▲ Which one of these ugly mugs in ill fitting clothes are you gonna choose as your board dude?



▲ Use the convenient halfpipes to perform tricks as you board. This will gain you extra points.



▲ Jump the roads and avoid the snowmen. They're vicious at this time of year.



▲ You can get points by grinding along these rails. This also increases your speed.

GAME SCORE 58%

Commander Keen

By Activision Price £24.99 Game Link X
Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Billy Blaze is a regular kid until an anomaly in the Earth's core appears. As Commander Keen he must find plasma crystals to save the world.

We think There are words for games like this, but it's not polite to use them. It's frustrating and tedious, and after five minutes you'll be anything but keen.



▲ You said it bud. Now get in that spaceship and fly far away. Oh, and take this game with you, please.



▲ These Telepods will transport you to far off areas of the levels that you can't normally reach.



▲ It looks like someone's been sick. Quick, hurry up and finish this level!



▲ That slug thing is giving you the evils, better to shoot first and ask questions later.

GAME SCORE 67%

GAME BOY COLOR Official Tips

✓ We promise that every single tip and cheat has been tested by our team of Nintendo experts. They will only tell you tips, hints and cheats that they know really work and that's guaranteed.

Spider-Man The Sinister Six

First ever tips

Spider-Man can do whatever a spider can, but that doesn't mean he never runs into trouble and things can get quite tough in the harsh world of crime fighting.

If this all out web slinging, wall climbing action game has you stumped, look no further than these brilliant cheats! Unlock all of the levels instantly or play a cool hidden mini game. Check it out...



▲ Are you completely stuck on a level? Or maybe you just cannot wait to see the later stages. Press **B, A, ←, ↓, ↑, →** at the Title screen. Now skip to any level!

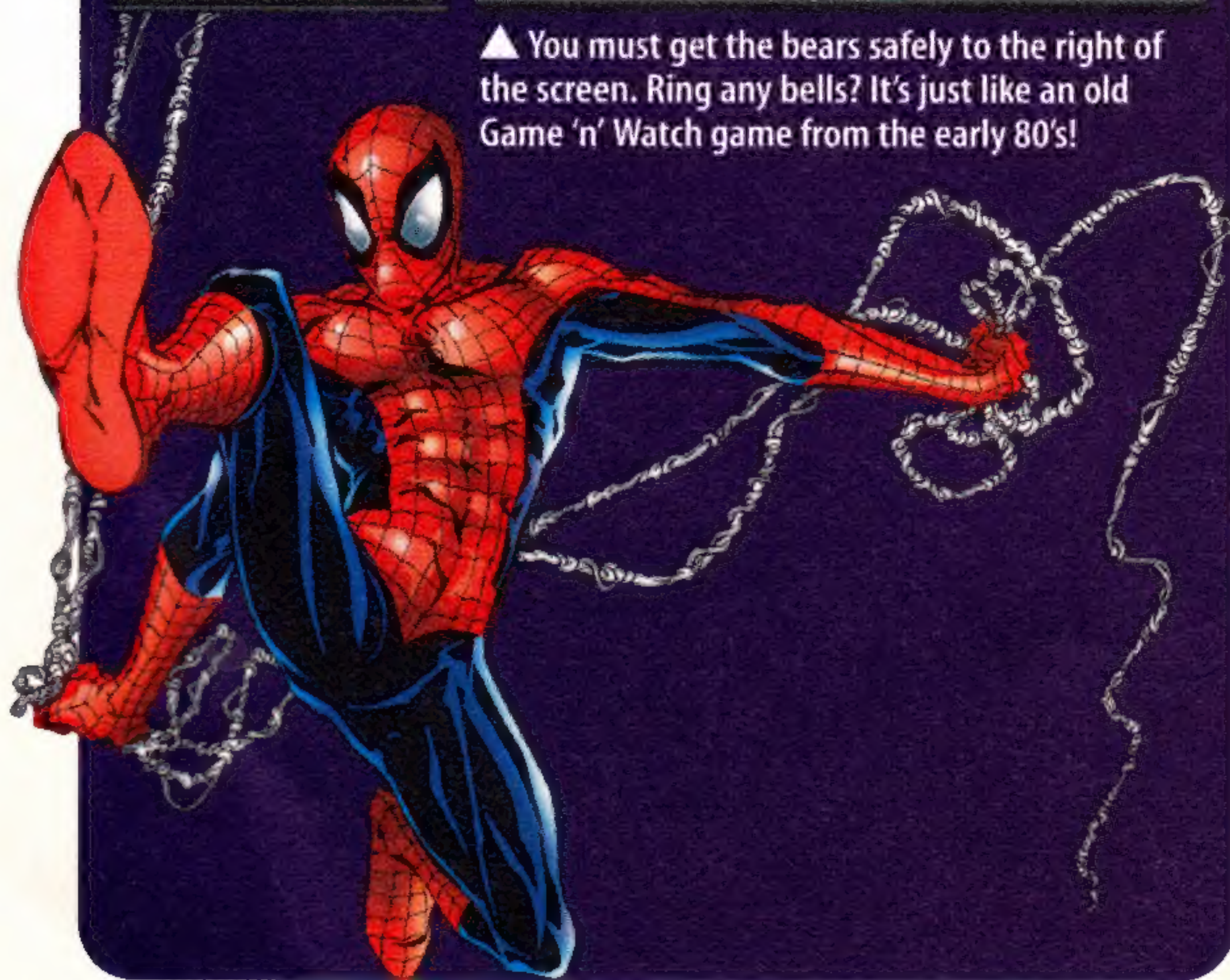


▲ If you are a bit of a hot shot and find this game too easy, tap in **A, B, SELECT, ↑, ↓, ↵** at the title screen. Start a new game to play on Nightmare difficulty.

▼ Battling evil villains can be tiring. If you fancy a break, press **A, B, A, B, ↵** at the Title screen. This unlocks a bear mini game!



▲ You must get the bears safely to the right of the screen. Ring any bells? It's just like an old Game 'n' Watch game from the early 80's!



Shrek Fairy Tale FreakDown

Levels passwords

It may not be the the most graphically eye popping game on the Game Boy Color but, it is a treat to play and features all the amazing characters from the film.

With a great variety of levels, we bet you can't wait to get exploring. Enter these simple passwords and you can instantly tackle some of the later levels and tougher meanies!



▲ Enter the password **MP!63C** to go straight to the Village where the townsfolk live. But the streets are far from peaceful so be on your toes.



▲ If you type in **TFGKWSJJ**, you will find yourself in the Swamp. Getting muddy is the least of your worries with Farquaad's creatures around.



▲ Fancy a visit to the Dark Forest? Enter **KDNBQGVY** as a password and that's where you'll go. But believe us, you won't be having a picnic there.



▲ If you don't really feel like battling your way through the game, and you just want to jump straight to the Castle, type in **YNNHLBMBY**.

Freestyle Scooter

Course passwords coming your way!

Winning the races in this top stunt game is easy, but getting the highest stunt points can be a real problem.

If you're having trouble out performing the other racers and can't get to the later stages in the championship, why not take the easy way out. Just enter a couple of these passwords and you can play on any stage you like! You'll soon be a stunt master!



▶ If you want to take a quick trip to the Park, enter the Password screen and put in the code **YXGBRDTT00LLBHXWS**. Grind on the plants for extra points.



◀ First go to the Password screen and enter the code **Y20XMZNNHLLQLBLM9L**. This will take you straight through to the School Yard. It's really that easy.



▲ Entering **MZD98XBT00207BHWBS** at the Password screen will put you on the last stage, the Fun Fair. Beware, this level is only for the hardcore, so you'd better know your tricks to win!

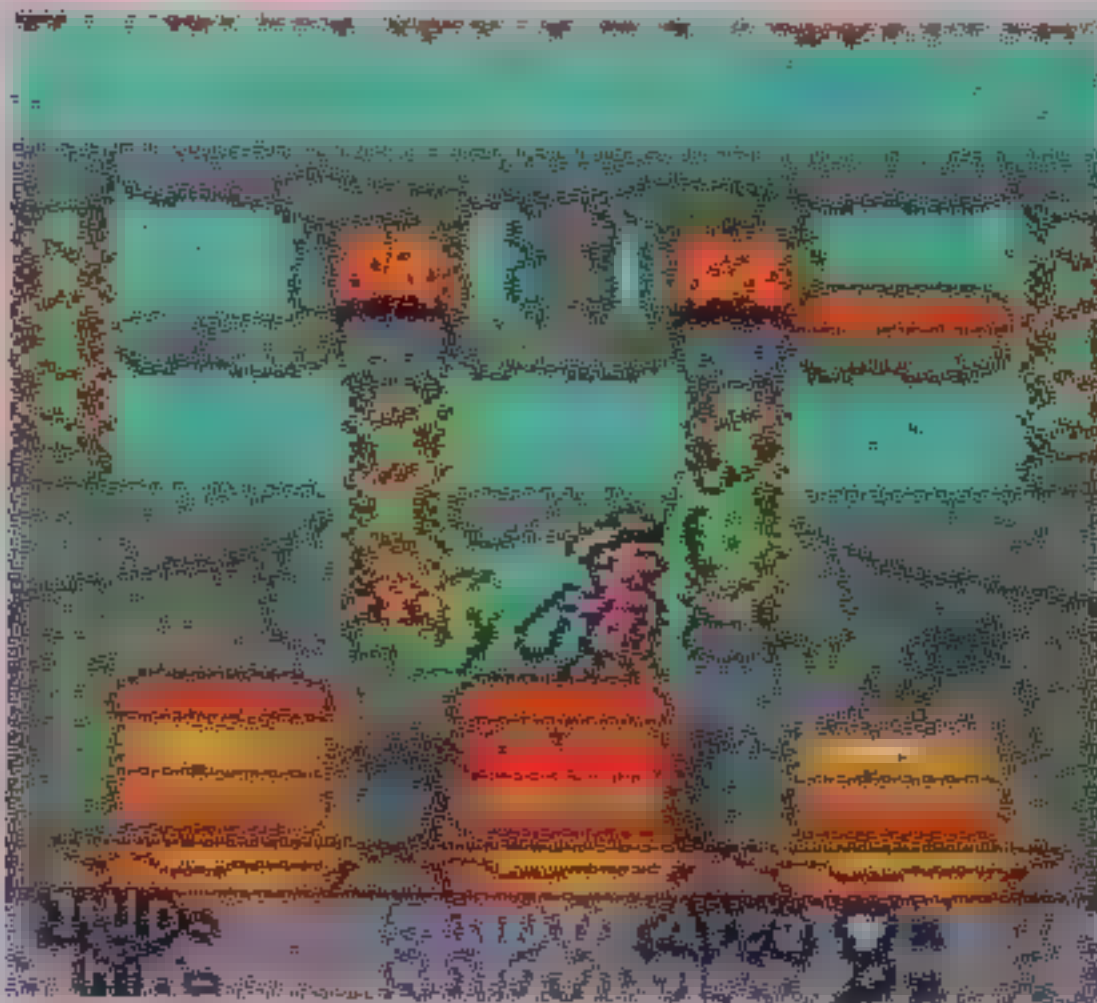
Flintstones

Burgertime in Bedrock

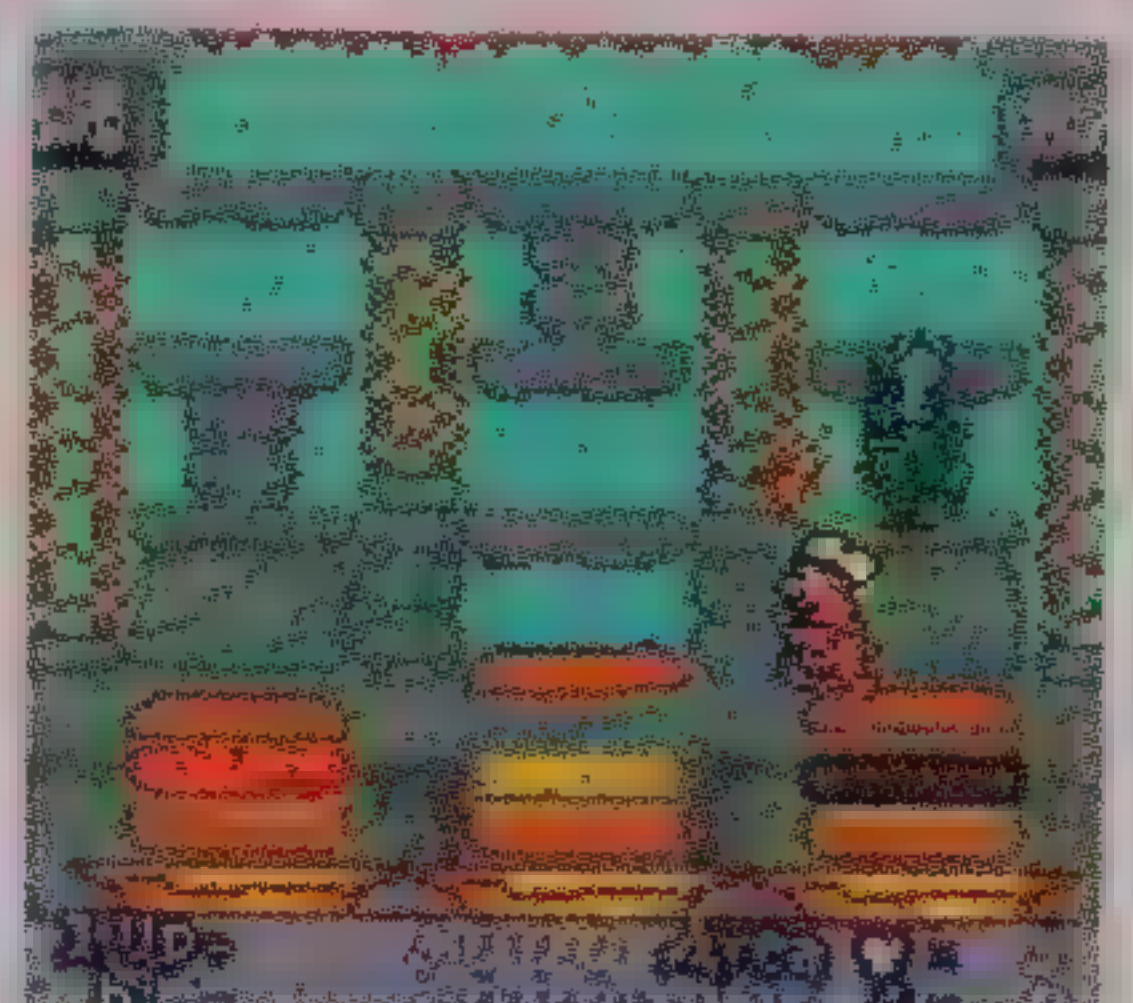
Skip levels

You'll have a Yabba Dabba Doo time with these passwords!

This is quite an oldie, but why not dig it out of your collection, whack it in your GBC and use our codes to get through those awkward spots you've always hated. You'll soon wonder why you ever put it down. A good cheat will always breathe life back into your old games, even if they are prehistoric!



▲ You must put characters from the game in the right order to activate a password. Enter Gator, Gator, Snake and Gazoo to skip straight through to level 3.



▲ If you put in a Frog, Fly, Snake and Gazoo, you will start on level 4. To go straight to level 6, enter Gazoo, Dino, Fly and Croc. It just couldn't be any simpler.

Powerpuff Girls

Battle Him

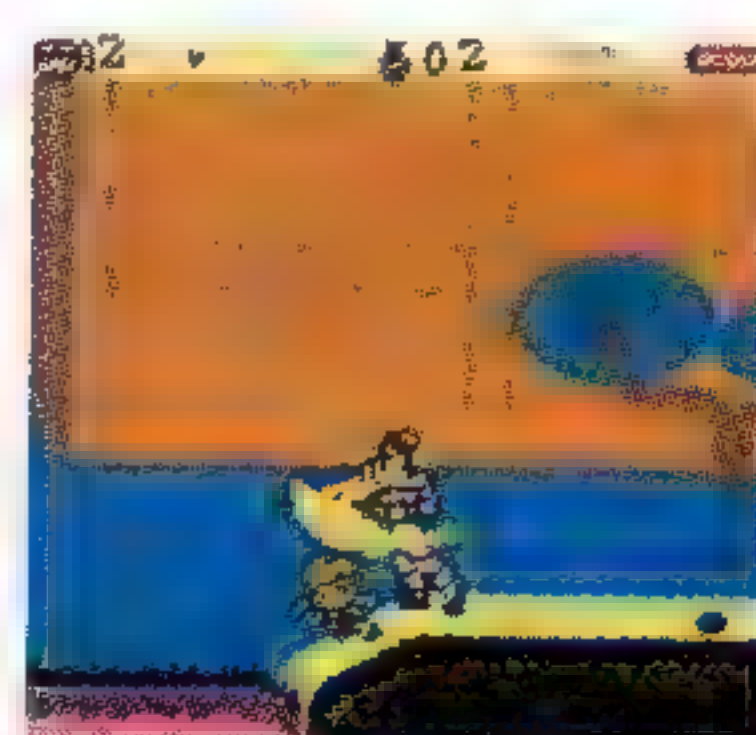
More lives, fly forever!

If the many tricky obstacles keep catching you out, don't get in a huff, just use our cheats to get what you want!

We've got just the cheats you need. Now you can fly for as long as you like, and with our Super Attack code, you'll have the enemies quaking in their boots. What's more, you're immortal!



▲ From the Main Menu screen, go to Enter Cheats, and type in the code **PHONECARD**. This will give you unlimited Super Attack. Now go teach them a lesson!



▲ If you keep being killed, type in **UNDEAD** at the Secrets screen. Now when you play the game, you'll have unlimited lives. That's the problem solved!

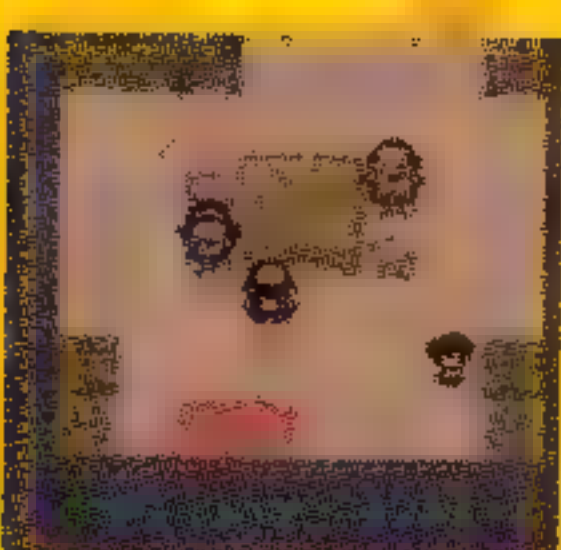


▲ What goes up must come down right? Wrong! Enter the code **JETFUEL**, and you'll have unlimited flight power. Now you can swoop over any tricky spots.

Official Nintendo Top 5 Tips

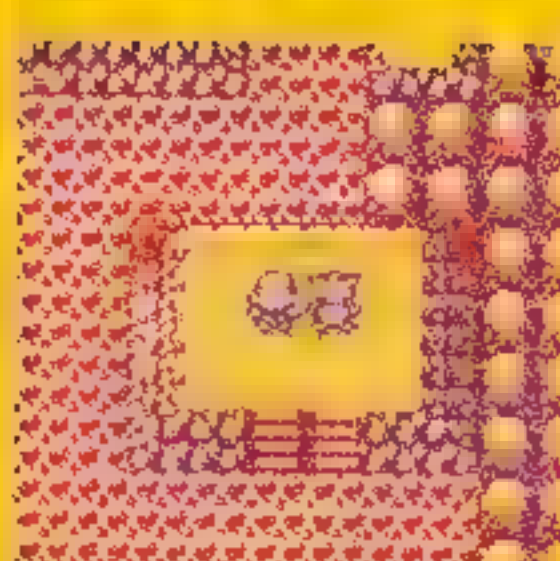
These are the most popular games this month, with Nintendoids snapping them off the shelves like there's no tomorrow.

Pokémon Gold



To keep a Pokémon happy, don't put it in the PC, never let it faint and keep it healthy. However, it must be involved in many fights and avoid using cheap power ups!

Pokémon Blue



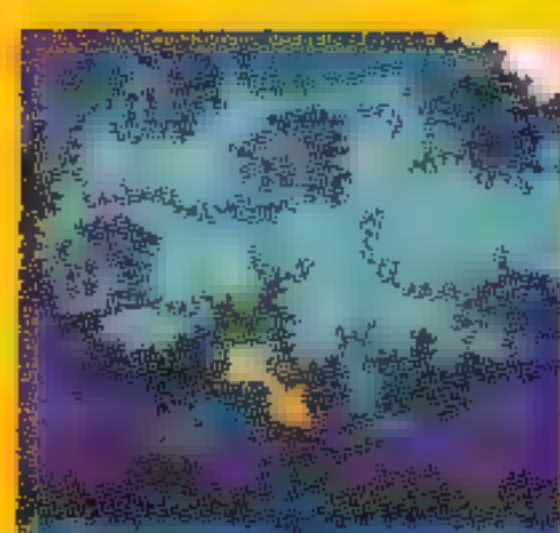
Mewtwo can be a pain to catch without the Master Ball. But if you've used it, don't give up. Save beside Mewtwo. Use Ultra Balls, and reset if you lose him.

Super Mario Bros



In the Vs Boo mode, on the Stage Select screen, hitting the Select button will turn you into Super or Fire Mario. So no, there's no need to look out for items!

The Simpsons



Go into the Password screen and type in the code **XQRFJWRBTWP**. This will skip the whole game and start you on the last level. You'll get to the end in no time!

Rugrats in Paris



There's loads of dangers and baddies out to put an end to the fun. If you're having trouble passing the early stages enter the password **ZKHMRTBS** to skip to level 4.

Game Boy Test

Whether you're buying or being bought for, these are the gadgets you need...

Full of useful gadgets, like a battery pack, AC adapter and link cable.

- Essentials Pack
- £14.99
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Top games, with top scores. Nuff said really.

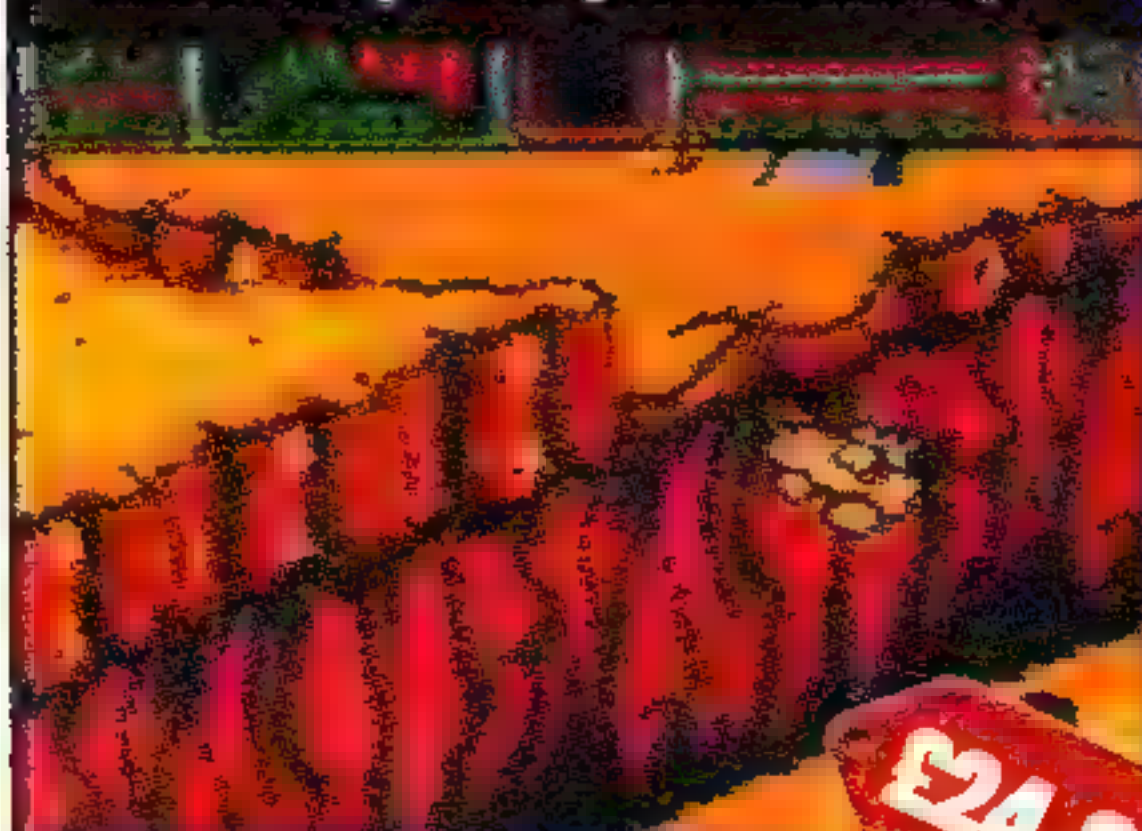
Spider-Man 2



£24.99

▲ Creep around the big bad city as the webbed wonder.

Mickey's Speedway



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▲ Kart style racer, with a whole host of Disney stars.

Carl Lewis Athletics



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▲ The Yankee athletics legend gets a game befitting a champ.

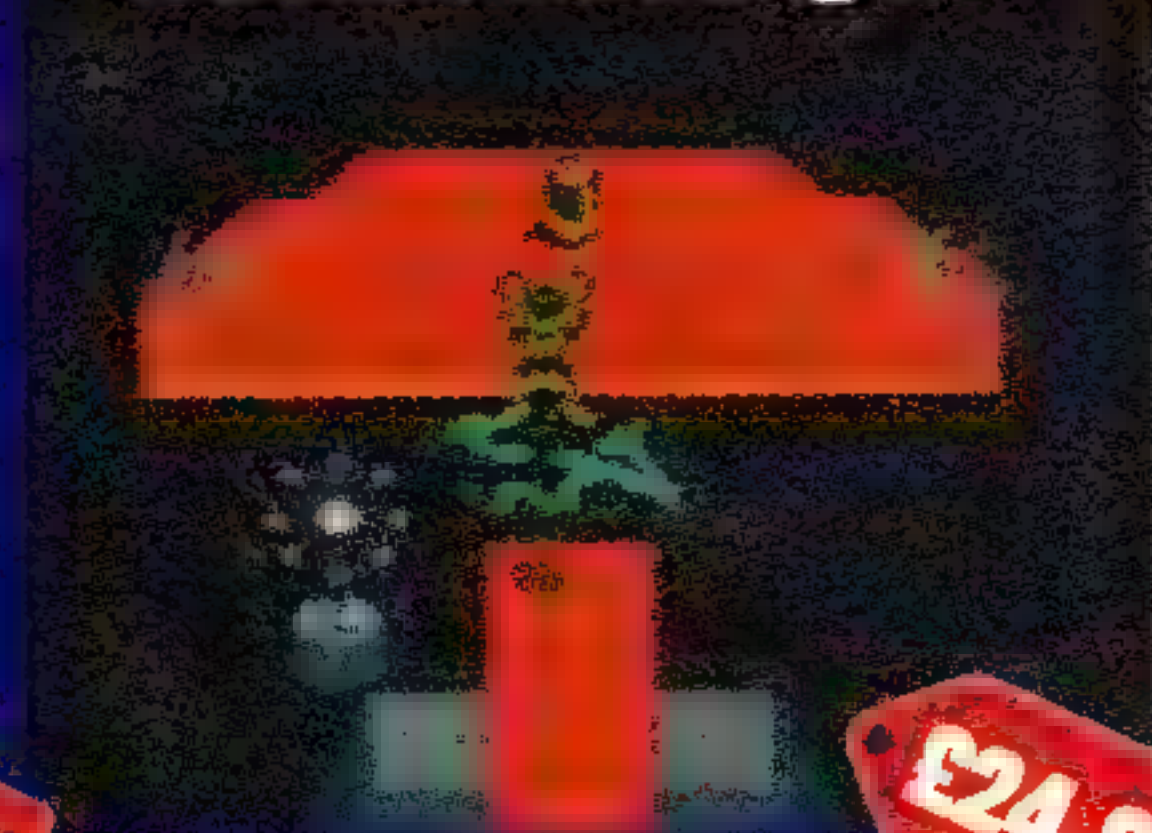
Grand Theft Auto



£24.99

▲ Become public enemy number one in this crime caper.

Martian Revenge!



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▲ Marvin and other Looney Tunes characters are out to stop Daffy.

- Game Case
- £2.99
- Logic 3



Make sure your games are well protected with these handy cases.



Comes with a rechargeable battery, speakers and rumble pack. Looks cool, too.

- Shock 'n' Rock
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- Graphics Kit
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- Meerkats

Jazz up your pocket rocket with this great range of funky stick on covers.



- Mega Memory
- £19.99
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Best GB games

Once again we bring you a choice of top titles in all the popular categories of games. All you have to do is choose one! Just for starters here are a few tasty treats to whet your appetite...

Best Shooter



Perfect Dark

It's one of the best shooters on Game Boy Color, with ace combat, some hard as nails bosses and a cool rumble pak, too.

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Best Racer

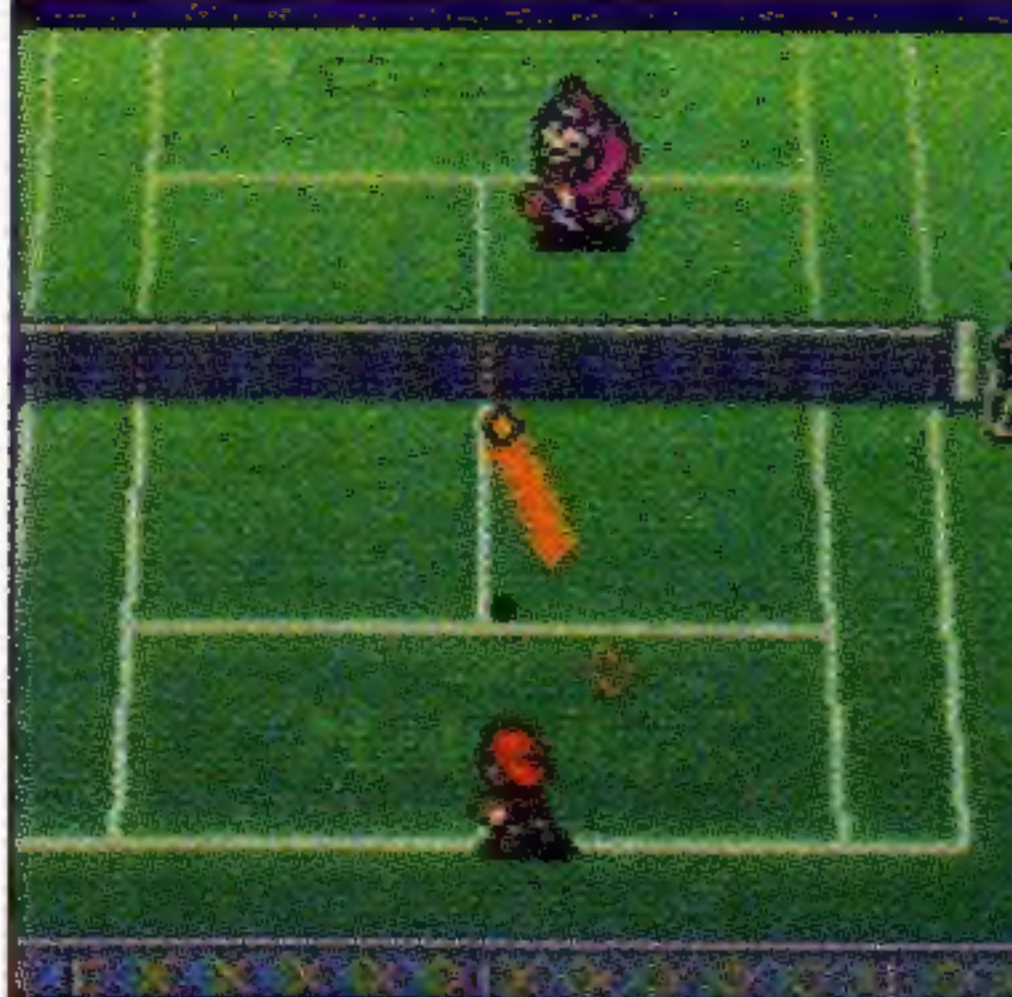


TOCA Touring Car

Leather a muscled up saloon around a variety of tracks. It's an ace speeder and your dad will love putting his foot down.

£24.99

Best Sports



Mario Tennis

Mario only appears in top notch games, and this tennis game is no exception. Do better than Henman and reach the final.

£24.99

Best Adventure



Ghosts 'n Goblins

A very playable and highly entertaining remake of a yesteryear classic. Save Guinevere and stop Hades once and for all.

£24.99

Eight megs worth of memory means a lot of high scores.

Game Boy News

✓ We promise to bring you the best information on GB Color and GB Advance. We tell you all the news before anyone else and all of our stories are guaranteed 100% correct by Nintendo.

Stuart Little

Little

The Journey Home

Game Info

By: **Activision**
Type: **Platformer**
Release: **September**

NEW FOR
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● Eight movie locations ● Ace characters ● Excellent power ups

Mickey may be the world's most famous mouse, but he'd better watch his back 'cos Stuart Little wants a piece of the movie star action!

This autumn will see you take control of the up and coming cheese chomping rodent across eight locations taken straight from the chart topping film.

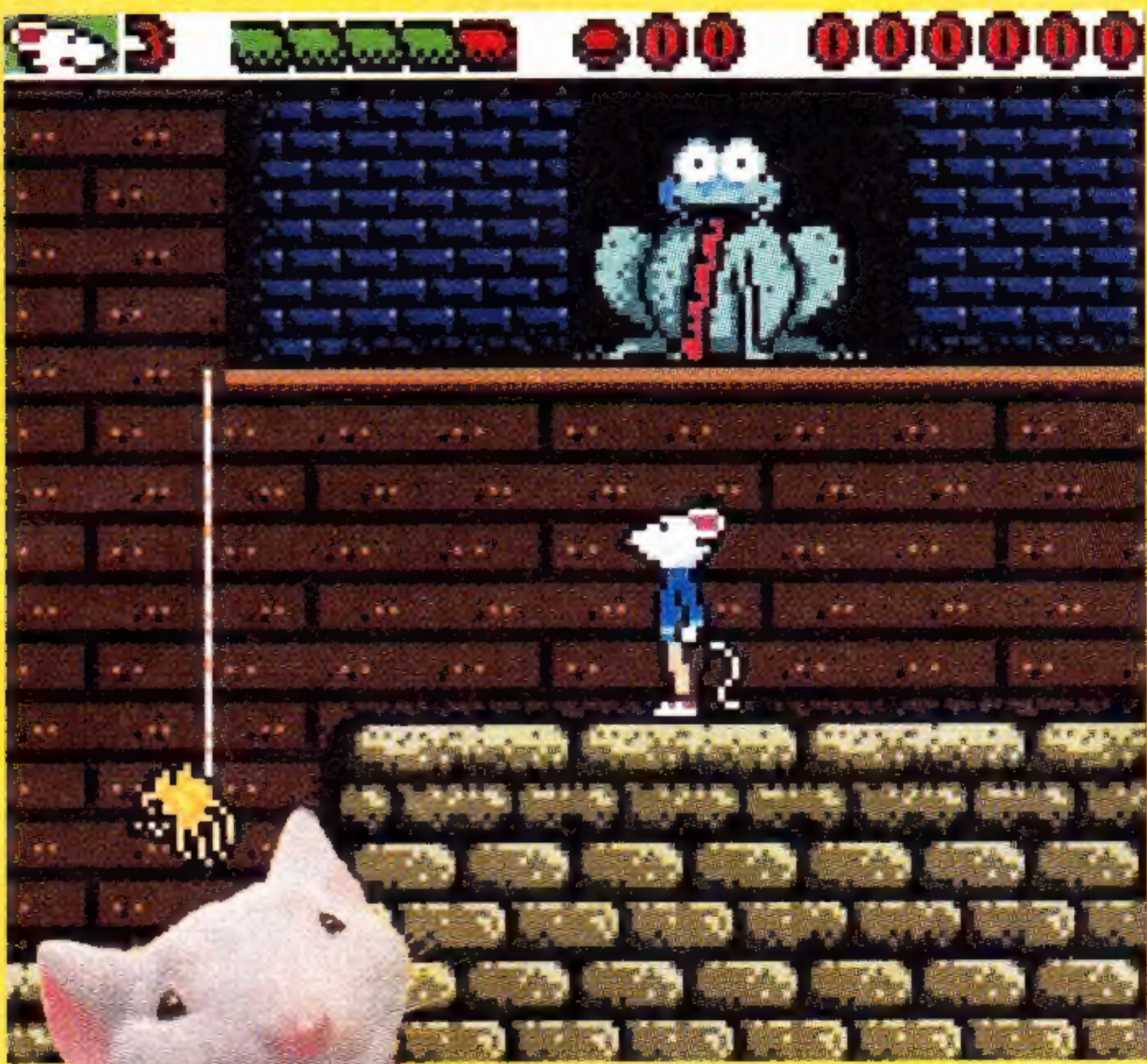
You'll have to battle your way through levels from a miniature golf course to the Big Apple's Central Park, grabbing power ups along the way.

If you're a fan of the film, you'll also recognise many faces, including Snowbell, Mr and Mrs Stout and George.



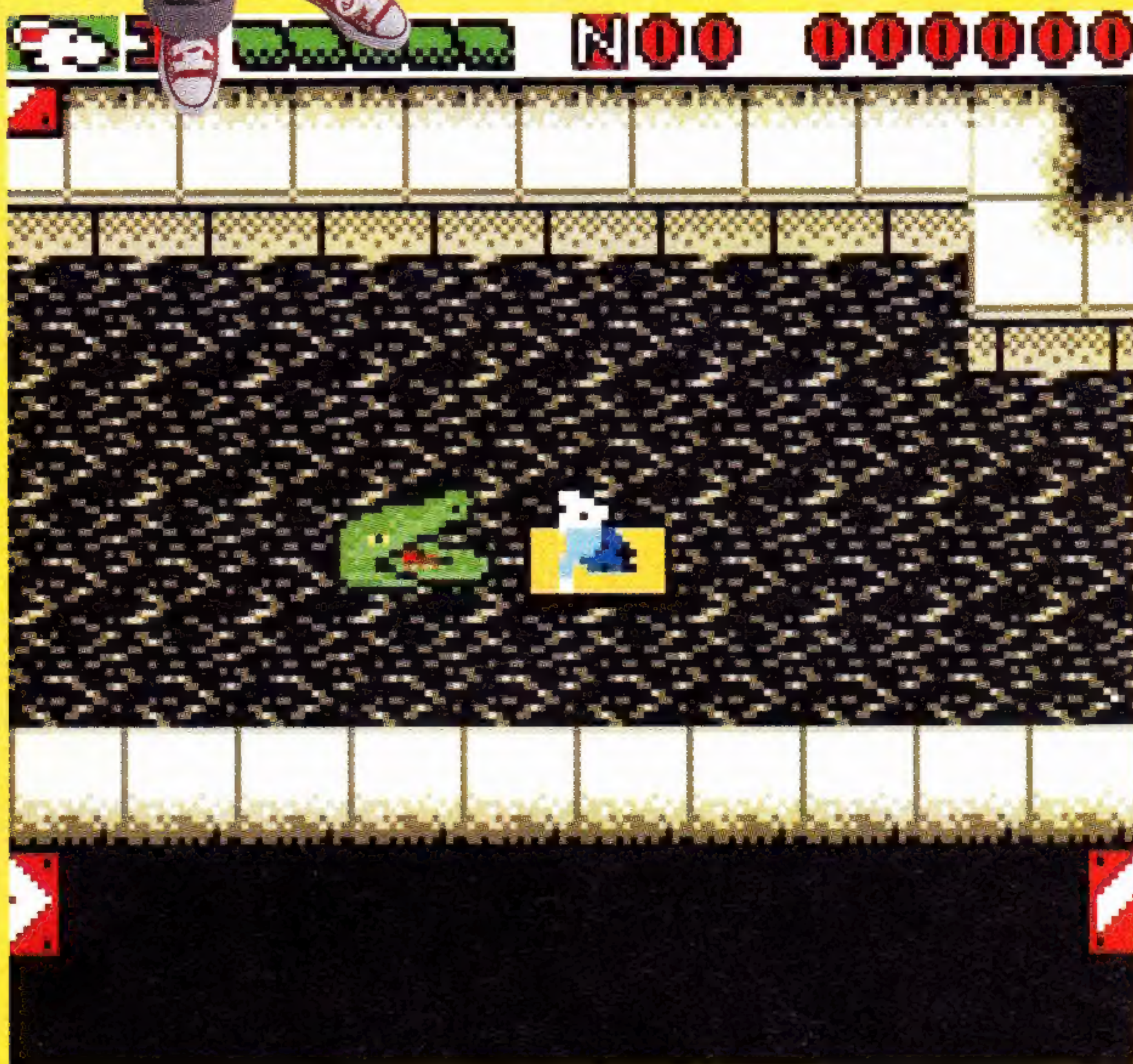
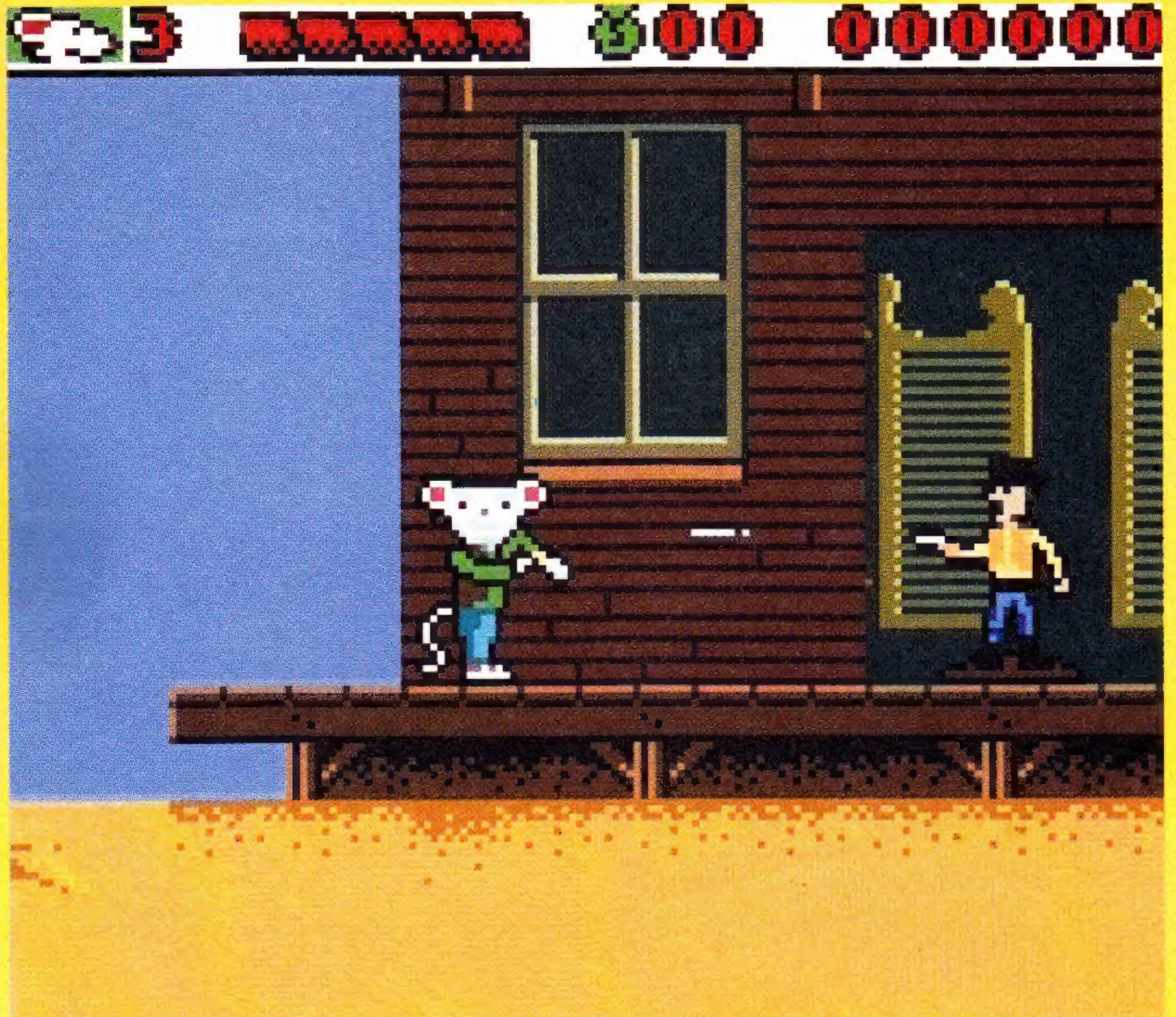
▲ High up in the trees, little Stuart must negotiate the high hazards. Hope he's not scared of heights! Poor fella, he's gonna need all the help you can give him.

◀ Out on the beautiful boating lake the heat is on as Stuart skims across the surf. Wow, he may be little but this furry faced hero sure gets around!



▲ Stuart Little looks just like he does in the fab flick and there are plenty more familiar faces to find. Happy hunting!

▶ It's high noon when you're down in the toy cowboy town, so you'd better keep a beady eye out for this rootin', tootin' gun slinger's bullets.



▲ Beep beep! There's no mousing around on the racing circuit as our Stuart takes a great inside line. Mouse coming through!

◀ There are nasty baddies every step of the way so you'd better watch out. Just look at this angry croc!



We think...

The film was a riot and this looks like it'll stay faithful to its screen partner. Platformers are two a penny on the GB Color, so let's just hope this has a little extra icing on the cake.

BLAG FEST

Videos galore to give away this month. We've got the latest Dexter's lab and Pokémon, as well as that loveable mouse, Stuart Little. So get your pens and postcards ready...



Fighting Fashion

Two new series of Pokémon videos are out to buy now. Fashion Victims and Fighting Tournament contain three episodes a piece to keep all of you Pokémaniacs happy. Thanks to the friendly folk at Warner Home Video, we've got five pairs of the videos to give away. All you have to do is answer this question.

Q In Gold and Silver, what is the name of the Gym Leader in Cianwood City?

- (A) Buck
- (B) Chuck
- (C) Duck

Little Prize

We here at NOM can't resist this cute little mouse, so you'd better enter this compo quick before Tim runs off with the goodies. Stuart Little tells the tale of an adventurous mouse who just happens to live with an ordinary family. We've got three copies of the video to give away thanks to Activision, and they can be yours if you answer this simple question.



Q Who provides the voice for Stuart in the film?

- (A) Alfred K. Pox
- (B) Stanley I. Socks
- (C) Michael J. Fox



Ego Alert

Child genius Dexter explodes onto the screen in his first feature length outing. 'Ego Trip' sees Dexter trying to recover his Neuroatomic Proto Core from arch enemy Mandark. The video also features some Bonus Cartoon Network toons. Our friends at Warner Home Video have given us five copies of the vid to dish out. Just answer this question.

Q What is the name of Dexter's irritating older sister?

- (A) Dee Dee
- (B) Pee Pee
- (C) Wee Wee



How to win ►

- 1 Write your answer on a postcard or the back of a sealed down envelope.
- 2 On one side, write the answer to the compo, your name, age and home address.
- 3 On the other side, mark it with the compo name and our address:
Nintendo Official Magazine, EMAP Active, Angel House, 338-346 Goswell Road, London, EC1V 7QP.
- 4 Lick a stamp, stick it on your entry and post it.